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SUBJECT: ARMS SHIPMENT TO SOMALIA

1. ALGERIAN SHIP ANNABA, BASED IN ALGIERS, ARRIVED MOGADISCIO MAY 1. HAS ALGERIAN REGISTRY, BUT EGYPTIAN CAPTAIN AND CREW.

2. AT DINNER MAY 1, EGYPTIAN MIL ATTACHE TOLD ME ALGERIAN SHIP HAD ARRIVED WITH LOAD OF ARMS FOR SOMALIA, BUT HE WAS NOT RPT NOT SURE WHETHEO ARMS WERE FOR SNA OR FOR OTHER MILITARY PURPOSES.

3. EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT INFORMED ME MAY 2 THAT HE HAD SPENT SIX HOURS WITH EGYPTIAN CAPTAIN AND MATES ATTEMPTING WORK OUT PERSONNEL PROBLEM EVENING MAY 1. HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY CAPTAIN THAT SHIP HAD OFF-LOADED 200 TONS (4000 CASES) MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT POINT NOIRE, BRAZZAVILLE, PRIOR ARRIVAL MOGADISCIO. BRAZZAVILLE ARMS INCLUDED 3 OR 4 ARMORED CARS, MACHINE GUNS, HAND GRENADES, PISTOLS AND EXPLOSIVES.

4. EGYPTIAN CAPTAIN ALSO TOLD HIM CARGO OF 180 TONS (3600 CASES) OF MIL EQUIPMENT FROM ALGIERS WOULD BE OFF-LOADED MOGADISCIO. CARGO INCLUDED MACHINE GUNS, HAND GRENADES, PILTOLSJD EXPLOSIVES, ETC. NO VEHICLES.

5. EGYPTIANS NOW ATTEMPTING FURTHER IDENTIFY CARGO AND
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